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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 1.32, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application Number	09/407,136
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	First Named Inventor	Vadim Shteynberg et al. RECEIVED #22 / RCE 4 2002
	Group Art Number	3729
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	Attorney Docket Number	99RE036/YOD (REEL:0029) W

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14965 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

I ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **August 22, 2002**
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

I ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv ☒ Other **Petition for Extension of Time**

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) (required))

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fee**

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **01-0857; Order No. 99RE036/YOD (REEL:0019)**

I ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 10/30/2002 PWOHDAF1 00000018 010857 09407136

ii ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1304 740.00 CH

iii ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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